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# From the Principal's Desk

November 17, 2016



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## *Holy Spirit School*

*Celebrating 50 Years of Inspiring Minds and Igniting Hearts  
1966 - 2016*



## Thanksgiving is right around the corner!

It is amazing to me that we are literally a week away from Thanksgiving! This time of the year moves so quickly and although there are many fun activities and much to look forward to as we move into December, students often need reminders to stay on top of school work and homework. Interims for the 2nd quarter will go out on Friday, December 9th.

I hope you enjoy some terrific family time during the Thanksgiving holiday beginning Wednesday, November 23rd and that any families who will be traveling have safe and uneventful trips.

As mentioned last week, when we return to school on Monday, November 28 we will have a prayer service at 8:30 am to mark the beginning of the Advent season; all are welcome.

This year our annual toy drive will benefit the Fairfax Police Motor Squad's Santa's Ride. We will begin collecting toys on Monday, November 28th. Historically, Holy Spirit families have been more than generous and we have donated over 700 toys for the last several years to give to charitable organizations. The toy drive culminates in our Giving Mass on Friday, December 2nd at the 9:00 am Mass. We will have a small reception following Mass for the parishioners who regularly share Friday Mass with us, as well as the police officers who are able to join us. If you are able to attend Mass with us on that Friday, it is a beautiful, moving sight to witness the students carrying the gifts from the school to the church and offering them in a true spirit of giving.

A reminder to 8th grade parents, the High School Placement Test will be administered the morning of December 1st. Please be sure your student is on time that day! Please also be certain the transcript requests, brag sheets, etc. are turned in so we may process application requirements efficiently. If you are requesting transcripts be sent to more than one high school a payment of \$5.00 per school must be received prior to paperwork being sent.

If I do not have the opportunity to see you before, please enjoy a wonderful Thanksgiving.

*-Maureen Ashby*

Principal

*"The future starts today, not tomorrow." - Pope John Paul II  
Holy Spirit School Class of 2015*



## 2017 - 2018 Financial Aid Applications

Applications are now being accepted for the 2017 - 2018 school year.

For the upcoming school year, the Diocese of Arlington has decided to once again use FACTS Grant and Aid for the assessment of tuition financial aid. To be considered for the first round of awards, applications and supporting documents must be received by the FACTS Grant and Tuition Aid offices no later than March 17, 2017. Families who currently have financial assistance must reapply to be considered for an award in the upcoming school year.

Apply on-line at <https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/3QVGG>.

[Click here for additional parent resources.](#)

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## Box Tops Winners Dress Down Day!

Thank you for clip, clip, clipping those Box Tops for Education.

The Fall drive brought in a total of \$830.00!

A special thank you to the Jackson family for sending in **2000** Box Tops!

The class that brought in the most Box Tops and won the coveted trophy is Mrs. Virusky's 4th grade class with 1,625 Box Tops.

The following classes have a DRESS DOWN day on  
Monday, November 21st:

Both PreK classes (will have a movie and popcorn party!)

Mrs. Butler's kindergarten

Mrs. Barger's 1st grade

Mrs. Simmons-Le's 2nd grade

Mrs. Payne's 3rd grade

Mrs. Virusky's 4th grade

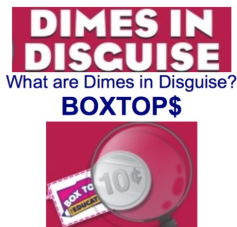
Ms. Hick's 5th grade

Mrs. Schwartz's 6th grade

Mrs. Black's 7th grade

Mrs. Knox's 8th grade

Keep clipping!



## Annual Holy Spirit School Toy Drive

### **SANTA'S RIDE**

*Help Bring Holiday Cheer to Sick Children*



Begins: Monday, November 28th

Ends: Friday, December 2nd with our annual Giving Mass

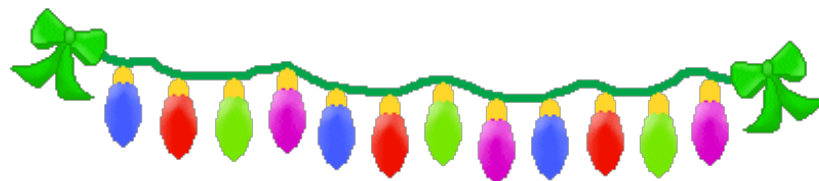


Make a difference in the lives of the many sick children who are unable to return home for the holidays.

This is the 26th year that the Fairfax County Police Department motorcycle squad is collaborating with the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office and others to collect and distribute toys to sick children at Fairfax Hospital and Georgetown Lombardi Cancer Center.

Please donate a new, unwrapped toy, game, or book.

Thank you for your generosity.



**The Christmas Lamb**

# Grades K-3

## December 13, 2016

**It will be here before we know it so now is  
the time to look for those costume pieces!**

### **Kindergarten- "Kangaroos"**

The Kindergarteners will wear a red shirt with black pants. They will be provided with kangaroo ears that will get them leaping for joy.

### **1st Grade- "Elephants"**

The 1st graders will wear green shirts with black pants. They will be provided with elephant ears to create a memory they will never forget.

### **2nd Grade- "Penguins"**

The 2nd graders will wear black shirts and black pants. They will be provided with penguin beak hats that are so cool, you'll feel a chill.

### **3rd Grade- "Tropical Birds"**

The 3rd graders will wear a brightly colored solid shirt with black pants. Colorful feather boas are encouraged, and can be purchased at any craft store. They will be provided with toucan beak hats, so they'll follow their nose.

### **Parent Volunteer Opportunities!**

#### **Crafty Costume Makers**

There is a lot of cutting, taping and gluing to get our actors costumed for the big night! If you are creative, crafty and willing to donate some time and effort, it will be a big help in bringing these characters into the spotlight.

#### **Combined Rehearsal Monitors**

The combined rehearsals will take place the two weeks before the week of the concert, November 28th - December 2nd and December 5th - 9th. Come help keep our little stars in line! Times for grade levels will vary.

If you have any costume questions, or you're a parent who would like to earn some hours by volunteering, contact Mrs. Gullickson,  
[lgullickson@holyspiritflames.org](mailto:lgullickson@holyspiritflames.org)

Thank you so much for helping make this year's Christmas Concert a great memory you and your child!

Please see the Family Folders Flyers section below for a printable version of the costume requirements.

\*Costume requirements for 4th grade may be found in the flyers section.

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## WeDo 2.0 Robots

Would you like to help us build our robotics program?

As we grow the robotics program at Holy Spirit we would like to purchase our own robots. Donations are tax deductible. A set of four of the smaller Lego WeDo 2.0 robots currently prices at \$750.00 (with additional shipping costs, etc.). In order to have students work in relatively small groups we are looking to start with eight to twelve robots. The complete class set will be available for teachers to check-out and work with in their classrooms.

Donations large or small are appreciated.

Thank you!



# Spaghetti Dinner

Hosted by the  
Men's Club

## Menu

Spaghetti with Choice of  
Meat, Clam or Tomato Sauces

Garlic Bread

Salad with Italian Dressing

Dessert Items

Wine, Sodas, Juice, Coffee &  
Tea, Hot chocolate and Water

## Prices

Age 10 and over: \$7

Age 6 to 9: \$4

Free for Age 5 and Under!

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SAUCE!



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**Holy Spirit School is now on Twitter!**

**@HSS\_Flames**

**Follow us to see some of the fun and exciting things that go on here at school each day!**



## Lunch Menu

Please remember that beverages are **not** included in the cost of the hot lunch meals. If your child is having milk or bottled water with lunch that must be paid separately (the link is available under the *Current Families* tab).

[Click Here for December Lunch Menu](#)

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## Family Folder Flyers

The following flyers can be found on the website in the folder labeled "November 17, 2016" (or follow the links here) For your convenience, some flyers are repeated:

School Flyers:

1. [December lunch menu](#)
2. [Santa's Ride flyer](#)
3. [K-3 Christmas Concert Costumes](#)
4. [Grade 4 Christmas Concert Costumes](#)

Parish Flyers:

1. [Holy Spirit Parish Spaghetti Dinner](#)

Community Flyers:



